

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the abstract found on the last page of the specification as filed as indicated below by underlining, strikeouts, or double bracketing.

~~A locking apparatus allows a user to lock and unlock a door even if the user loses a key. The locking apparatus involves a reduced number of parts and is easy to install on a door.~~

A ~~[[The]]~~ locking apparatus has a lock driver ~~[[ (7 ) ]]~~ to electrically lock and unlock a door ~~[[ (3 ) ]]~~, a fingerprint read/verify unit ~~[[ (9 ) ]]~~ to receive a fingerprint from a user, verify the received fingerprint by comparing it with registered fingerprint data, and if the fingerprint verification authenticates the user, enable the lock driver to electrically operate , a key cylinder ~~[[ (25 ) ]]~~ attached to the door, an ~~interlock (35) to interlock~~ interlink linking the key cylinder with the lock driver, and a key ~~[[ (31 ) ]]~~ to manually operate the lock driver in cooperation with the key cylinder and ~~interlock~~ the interlink.